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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: A National Broadband Plan for our Future, GN Docket 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is filed on behalf of the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO (UWUA). On June 17, 2010, D. Michael Langford UWUA President, Scott H. Strauss, of Spiegel & McDiarmid LLP and counsel for UWUA, and the undersigned, met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jennifer Schneider, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss the FCC's National Broadband Plan and the matters described in the attached handout.

A copy of this letter and the handout presented during the meeting are being filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gloria Tristani

Attachment

Cc: The Honorable Michael J. Copps Jennifer Schneider

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPANSION PROJECT:

AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB GROWTH INITIATIVE



FIBER OPTIC PROJECT PARTNERS

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO



THE COUNTY OF UNION









CAREER ONE STOP CENTERS



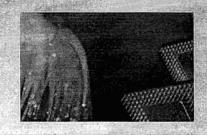


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NEWARK NOW INC



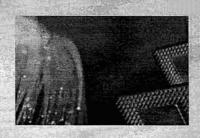
THE PROJECT



TO LINK REGIONAL ANCHOR
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
VIA 200 MILES OF FIBER OPTIC
TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS
WITH UPLOAD SPEEDS
OF UP TO 100 MBPS
& DOWNLOAD
SPEEDS OF UP TO 50 MBPS

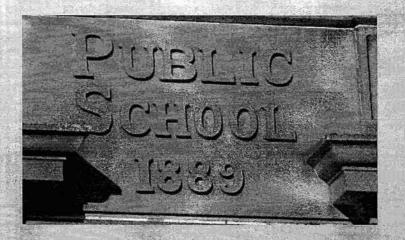


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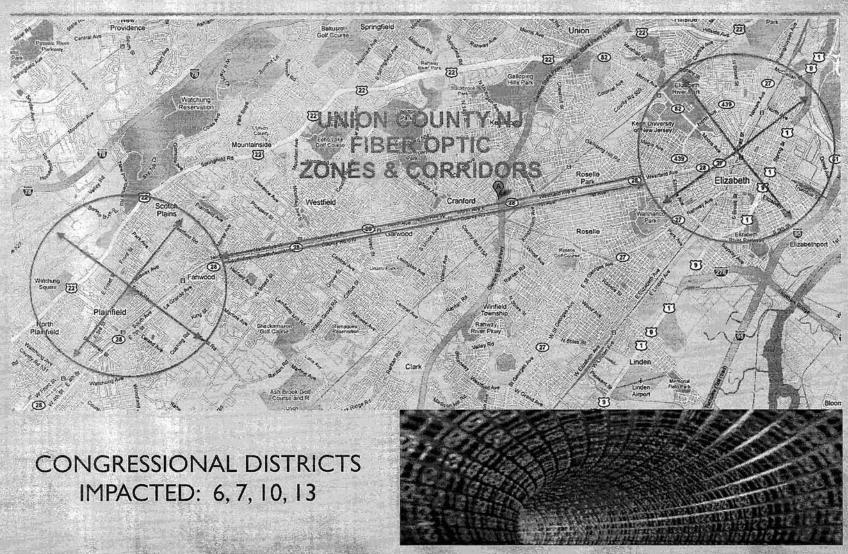
UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
200 K-12 SCHOOLS & BOARDS OF EDUCATION
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & LIBRARIES
HOSPITALS, POLICE & FIRE
ONE STOP CAREER CENTERS
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS





UNION COUNTY FIBER OPTIC ZONES & CORRIDORS



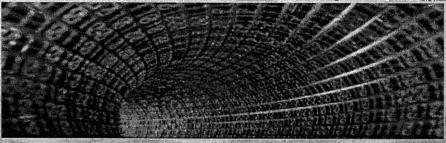


CITY OF NEWARK FIBER OPTIC COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

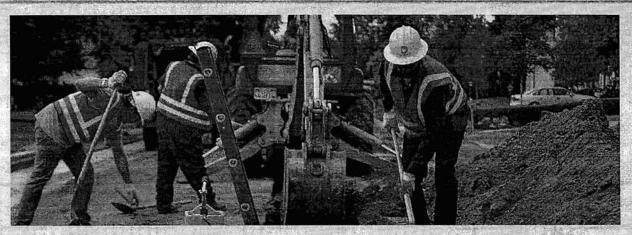




CITY OF NEWARK TO CREATE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTERS







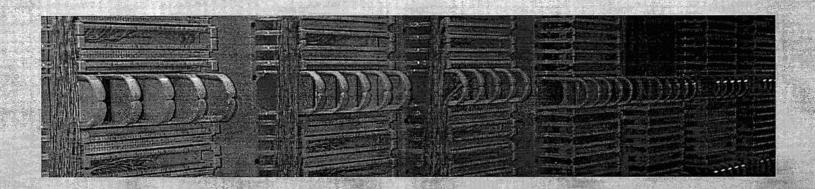
☐ <u>I.TO CREATE HIGHLY-SKILLED, HIGHLY-PAID JOBS,</u>
NOW!







2. TO INSTALL 200 MILES OF NEW FIBER OPTIC LINES



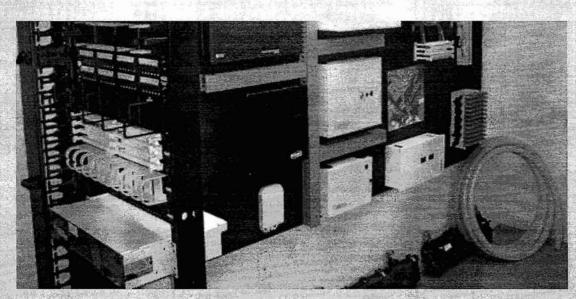


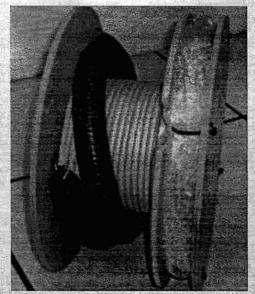
- ☐ I,TO CREATE HIGHLY-SKILLED, HIGHLY-PAID, IOBS, NOW
 ☐ 2.TO INSTALL 200 MILES OF FIBER OPTIC LINES
- ☐ 3. TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH BY PLACING REPEATERS ALONG NEW WI-FI COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, FREE INTERNET SERVICE



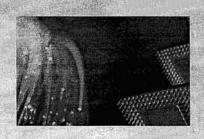


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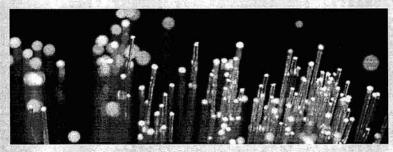


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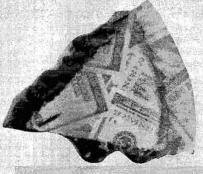
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PROJECT BUDGET





Construction

Equipment & Hardware

Training & Micro-Enterprise

Architecture & Design

Administration

Total

\$8,000,000.00

\$4,000,000.00

\$2,000,000.00

\$800,000.00

\$1,200,000.00

\$16,000,000.00

BUDGET NARRATIVE

CONSTRUCTION

INSTALLATION OF FIBER & REPEATERS

EQUIPMENT & HARDWARE

PURCHASE OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE & REPEATERS

TRAINING & MICRO-ENTERPRISE CENTER

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS TRAINING

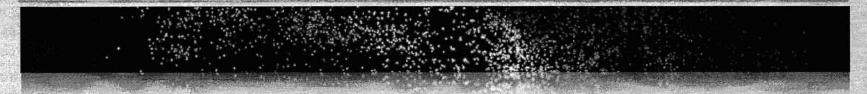
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

NETWORK DESIGN, HARDWARE INTEGRATION

ADMINISTRATION

PROJECT OVERSIGHT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

CONGRUENCE WITH THE NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN



I. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT THAT WILL PRODUCE JOBS NOW

2. FOSTER ACADEMIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT BY CONNECTING K-12, UNION COUNTY COLLEGE, & KEAN UNIVERSITY TO THE WORLD WIDE WEB & INTERNET 2



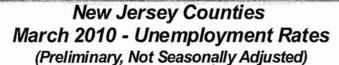
3. ENGENDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CREATION OF HIGHLY-SKILLED JOBS & THE MICRO-ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

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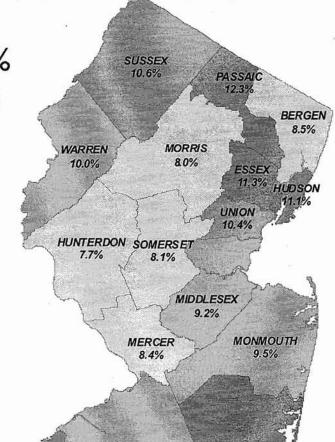
4. PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF WI-FI COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS

5. IMPROVE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE BY THE CAREER ONE STOP CENTERS, SHARED SERVICES BUDGET REDUCTIONS, AND INCREASED USAGE OF TECHNOLOGY

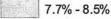
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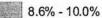


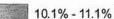
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Unemployment Rates



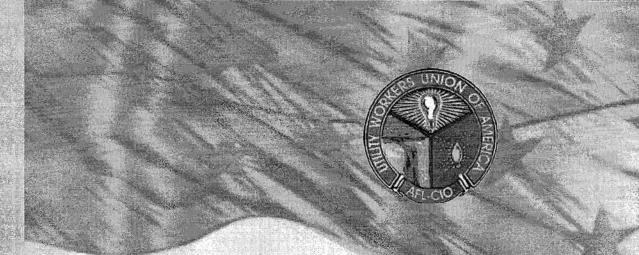




MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- I. CREATE 800 NEW JOBS IN THE AREAS OF FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION, HEALTH IT, NETWORK DESIGN, NETWORK PROGRAMMING AND VARIOUS ANCILLARY SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES
- 2. ESTABLISH A STATE-OF-THE-ART REGIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS AND THE ONE STOP CAREER CENTERS
- 3. SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB GROWTH THROUGH THE MICRO-ENTERPRISE CENTER
- 4. CONNECT OVER 200 ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS VIA FIBER OPTICS & WI-FI CORRIDORS
- 5. PROVIDE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED & PORTABLE CERTIFICATIONS:
 OSHA 10, COMPETENT PERSON TRENCHING & EXCAVATING, CPR/FIRST AID,
 FIBER OPTIC TECHNICIAN. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS, HEALTH
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

THE UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA THANKS YOU!



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